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Welcome to the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the official website for the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Auckland, New Zealand, in January 2008. This site provides information and advice for conference delegates, the media and others with an interest in the event.

The APPF is an annual gathering of parliamentarians from up to 27 countries in our region. They meet to learn from each other and to share knowledge, ideas and experience on the international challenges of our time.

Since it first met in Tokyo in 1993, the APPF has grown into a valuable forum for building understanding and cooperation among the region's parliamentary leaders. It now attracts several hundred delegates, and the agenda runs the full gamut of major issues and concerns facing the dynamic Asia-Pacific region.

Delegations to the APPF also share best-practice experiences of parliamentary democracy. Over time, this helps parliaments serve their citizens better.

The APPF is a major event for Auckland. I trust that our overseas guests will have an enjoyable and rewarding conference experience. I know that the 'City of Sails' will roll out the welcome mat for those wanting to experience some of the many attractions of our largest, most cosmopolitan city.

Hon Margaret Wilson

Speaker of the House of Representatives, New Zealand
President, Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Auckland

